

Minutes of the
South Dakota State Emergency Response Commission Meeting
Ramkota RiverCentre
Pierre, South Dakota

May 5, 2003
4:00 p.m. CDT

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Chairman Robert McGrath called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert McGrath, Barb Telkamp, Joe Nadenicek, Al Christie, Christie Turman, and Jason Humphrey.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Kurt Doeden.

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached attendance sheets.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 24, 2003, MEETING: Motion by Nadenicek, seconded by Turman, to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2003, State Emergency Response Commission. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS: The commission members and people in the audience introduced themselves.

FEDERAL PLANNING AND TRAINING GRANTS: Arden Rapp reported that the FY 2002 HMEP training grant was in the amount of \$77,414 and the balance is \$6,030. Some of the \$6,030 will be used for the annual Hazardous Materials Conference. Mr. Rapp stated that the training dollars continue to be an important request throughout the state. Since September 11, 2001, most of our state/county first responders have responded to the need for renewed training. Additional operation level and technician training has been done and will continue in the months and years ahead.

The FY 2002 HMEP planning grant was in the amount of \$49,566 and this money has all been obligated. Mr. Rapp said the emphasis for county LEPCs doing plan updates continues to be a high priority. At this time, 11 LEPC plans have been updated or will be completed in the 2002 fiscal planning year. The Council of Government personnel continue to help the LEPCs with technical support, mapping, printing, and other necessary tasks. There are six Council of Governments throughout South Dakota.

The next grant period starts October 1, 2003, and ends September 30, 2004. Mr. Rapp noted that the state should receive about the same amount of grant funds next fiscal year.

NASTTPO MEETING REPORT: Mr. Rapp reported that he and Lee Ann Smith attended the 15th annual NASTTPO and HMEP grants conference which was held April 21-25, 2003, in Oklahoma City, OK. Charles Rogoff, HMEP Grants Program, U.S. Department of Transportation manager, presented a positive outlook regarding the program and the states' receiving grant dollars.

Lee Ann Smith stated that information was presented at the conference regarding a program that requires water and wastewater systems to do vulnerability assessments and emergency response plans. These vulnerability assessments and emergency response plans are required under the Patriot Act. Ms. Smith noted that a DENR staff member is working with water and wastewater systems to comply with the requirements.

The fire grants program and emergency preparedness for people with disabilities was also addressed at the conference. The LEPC emergency plans need to include a plan of action to be taken for people with disabilities. The plans should also include alternate means of communication for people who are deaf or do not speak English.

Pam Buck, Pennington County LEPC, stated that several years ago the LEPC developed a brochure for the deaf community regarding emergency warning systems.

Ms. Smith noted that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires similar or parallel services to those who do have some kind of handicap.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES: Mr. Rapp reported that he visited the fire instructor's conference held in Pierre in January. About 150 firefighters attended the training.

Mr. Rapp attended the Lyman County LEPC meeting in Kennebec on March 15, the Pennington County LEPC quarterly meeting in Rapid City, and the Moody County LEPC quarterly meeting in Flandreau.

LEPC ROSTERS: Ms. Smith stated that there are 60 LEPCs in the state. Ms. Smith received rosters from all but the following LEPCs: Day, Harding, Lincoln, Mellette, Shannon, and Todd. Ms. Smith said Day, Shannon, and Todd counties do not have LEPCs at this time. Mellette and Lincoln have LEPCs, but Ms. Smith has not received a roster. Harding County is in the process of reorganizing its LEPC.

Ms. Smith said she reviewed the 54 rosters that were submitted and she recommended the SERC accept them.

Motion by Telkamp, seconded by Christie, to accept the 54 rosters. Motion carried.

Motion by Nadenicek, seconded by Turman, to appoint the County Commission, State's Attorney, Emergency Manager, and County Sheriff to serve as the LEPC for Day, Lincoln, Shannon and Todd counties because they did not submit rosters. The appointment is effective until such time as a roster has been submitted and accepted by the SERC. Letters of appointment will be sent to Harding and Mellette Counties if rosters have not been submitted within the next 30 days. Motion carried.

STATE LEPC GRANTS: Ms. Smith reported \$49,298 was awarded to the 39 grant applications were submitted to DENR

LEPC RECOGNITION AWARD: Chairman McGrath reported that the winner of the recognition award would be announced at the awards banquet at noon on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

Ms. Telkamp said she is disappointed that the SERC doesn't receive more nominations for this award.

Pam Buck stated that some of the LEPCs are not comfortable with nominating themselves for the award. She suggested that the format of the nomination form be changed.

Ms. Smith suggested that instead of asking the LEPCs to submit nominations, they be asked to tell the SERC about the best project they have completed during the last year.

Glenn Ford suggested that the SERC request a yearly activity report from the LEPCs.

Ms. Smith said she would work on changing the format for next year.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Joe Nadenicek discussed emergency response and other related bills passed by the 2003 State Legislature.

OTHER BUSINESS: The next meeting will be July 25, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. CDT. This meeting will be conducted via the Digital Dakota Network at sites in Pierre, Brookings, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

Mr. Nadenicek noted that John Berheim, who was previously a member of the SERC, is now South Dakota's new Homeland Security Director.

Mr. Nadenicek stated that the new administration is aware that there are vacancies on a number of boards and commissions. Pat Powers is the person in the Governor's Office who is reviewing the status of all the boards. DENR has had communications with Mr. Powers in regard to the statutory make-up and the current vacancies on the SERC.

Bob McGrath noted that John Berheim indicated that he is interested in making the Homeland Security person a member of the SERC. Mr. Nadenicek stated that he will work with Mr. Berheim on this matter.

Motion by Christie, seconded by Nadenicek, to adopt a resolution supporting the addition of the state Homeland Security Coordinator as a permanent voting member of the SERC. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Chairman McGrath declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Robert B. McGrath 7/25/03
Chairman Date

Barbara Felkamp 7/25/03
Witness Date

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE May 5, 2003

LOCATION Ramkota, Pierre

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